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INFO AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

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TAGS: ETRD, MTN

SUBJECT: TRADE POLICY TEAM VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA - TRINIDAD
AND TOBAGO

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1. US MTN DEL (KNEPPER) DISCUSSED PROPOSED VISIT OF
AMBASSADOR YEUTTER TO PORT OF SPAIN WITH GOTT MTN DELS
(CUMBERBATCH, GRAY). GOTT DELS EXPRESSED INITIAL
SURPRISE GOTT HAD AGREED TO VISIT ONE WEEK BEFORE
SEPTEMBER 13 ELECTIONS. THEY ALSO NOTED THAT THERE
HAD BEEN RECENT PROBLEMS WITH THE CARICOM SECRETARIAT
STAFFING FOR SUPPORT ON TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT THAT
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THEY HOPED THIS PROBLEM WOULD HAVE BEEN RESOLVED BY

DATE OF VISIT.

2. GOTT DELS INDICATED MTN TROPICAL PRODUCTS (TP) NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE US REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LDCS, WOULD BE MTN TOPIC OF MOST INTEREST TO GOTT. GOTT DEL SAID THEY HAD RECEIVED RECENT REPORT FROM PORT OF SPAIN THAT CARICOM COUNTRIES WERE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING US REQUEST FOR LOWERING TARIFFS ON FOUR PRODUCTS AS CONTRIBUTION TO TP NEGOTIATIONS. GOTT DEL NOTED THAT SINCE TARIFFS ON THESE PRODUCTS WERE SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT AMONG CARICOM COUNTRIES, THEY WOULD NEED A DECISION OF THE GROUP BEFORE BEING ABLE TO OFFER TARIFF CONCESSIONS IN THESE AREAS, BUT OPINED THAT SUCH A DECISION MIGHT BE POSSIBLE BY TIME OF AMBASSADOR YEUTTER'S VISIT. GOTT DELS ALSO NOTED THAT SINCE JAMAICA AND T&T WERE ONLY TWO CARICOM COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT THE MTN, CARICOM COUNTRIES WERE CONSIDERING MAKING A JOINT TROPICAL PRODUCTS REQUEST OF THE US.

3. CONCERNING OTHER TRADE ISSUES, GOTT DELS RE-EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE THAT T&T AND OTHER CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES ATTACHED TO OBTAINING MAXIMUM REDUCTION IN US TARIFF ON RUM DURING MTN. GOTT DELS CERTAIN RUM WOULD BE RAISED, AS IT HAD BEEN DURING PREVIOUS VISIT OF AMBASSADOR EBERLE TO BARBADOS IN MAY 1974.

4. MTN DEL COMMENTS: (A) GOTT MTN DELS ATTEND MOST MTN MEETINGS, BUT RARELY SPEAK. PRINCIPAL INTERVENTIONS HAVE BEEN IN TP GROUP MEETINGS. AS EC/ACP MEMBER, PRINCIPAL COMMENTS IN MTN MEETINGS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO US, WITH REQUESTS OF EC PRESUMABLY CHanneled THROUGH EC/ACP LOME ARRANGEMENTS. GOTT AND JAMAICA MTN DELS HAVE DEFENDED EC/ACP ARRANGEMENT WHEN CRITICIZED BY OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AS DISCRIMINATORY.

(B) US MTN DEL HAS OUTSTANDING REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION/CLARIFICATION SESSION ON QUANTITATIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESTRICTIONS MAINTAINED BY T&T, BUT THEIR MTN DEL CURRENTLY LACKS INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSULT.
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